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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced continuation application being submitted herewith as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before the first sentence in the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of prior international application number PCT/NL00/00498, filed on 14 July 2000; which claims priority from Netherlands patent application number NL 1012597, filed 14 July 1999--

After page 10, insert new page 11 with the following abstract:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a process for preparing satin white, wherein aluminum sulfate and calcium hydroxide are brought together batchwise in a planetary kneader mixer and react to form satin white. The satin white obtained by the present process has a superior quality and can be prepared in a very efficient manner.--

New page 11 of the application with the abstract is also being herewith submitted.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the calcium hydroxide is added in the form of a slurry having a content of calcium hydroxide of from 30 to 40%.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. A process according to claim 1, wherein the solids content during the reaction is at least 35%, based on the reaction mixture.

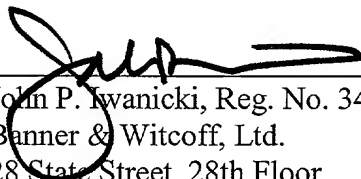
Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. A process according to claim 1, wherein a dispersant is added to the satin white.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1[or 2], wherein the calcium hydroxide is added in the form of a slurry having a content of calcium hydroxide of from 30 to 40%.
4. (Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the solids content during the reaction is at least 35%, based on the reaction mixture.
5. (Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein a dispersant is added to the satin white.